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'Self-Archive Unto Others

As You Would Have Them Self-Archive Unto You'



Publish or Perish

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As Science is mere structured Common sense



Her means but trial & error made intense



The only Virtue setting her apart



And raising her above (some think) mere Art



Is her Convergence ever on Consensus:



Collective, self-Corrective her defenses.



A fiddellant, she boldly does defy



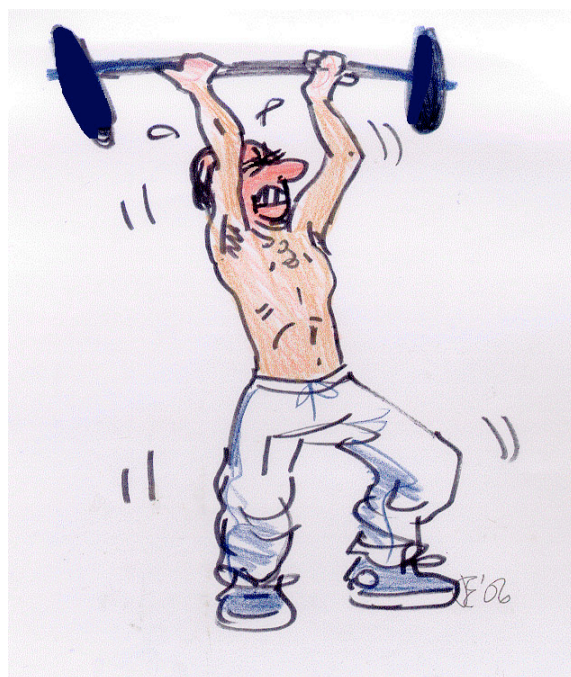
Reality her schemes to falsify



Yet all this noble jousting were in vain



And all this pain would yield no grain of gain



IF SCIENCE were Content, a shrinking Violet,



Her works from all the world e-er to keep private



Instead, Performance, public and artistic,



Restraining all Propensities autistic



Perhaps less out of error-making Dread



Than band need to earn her daily Bread



For Showbiz being what it is today



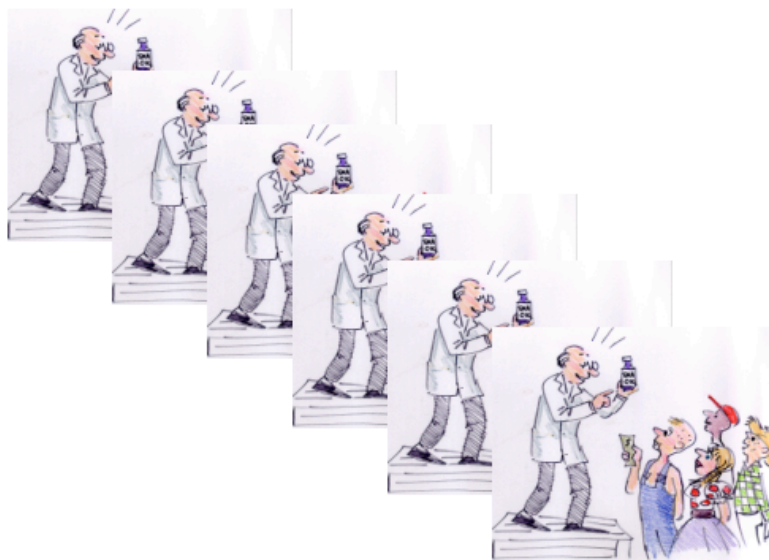
Work's not enough: you gotta make it pay



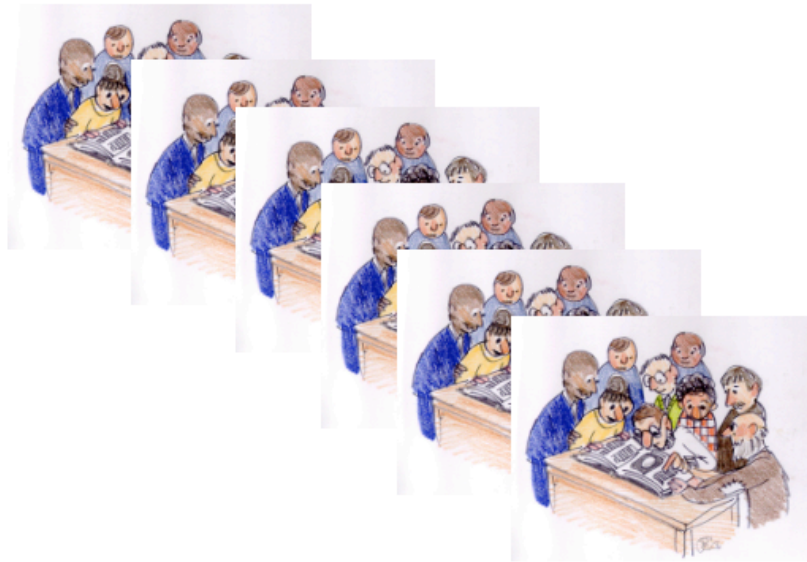
What ratings, sweeps & Polls Count for our Actors



No less than our elected Benefactors



For SCIENCE, the Commensurate Equation



Is not just Publication but Citation



The more your work is accessed, read and used



the higher then is reckoned its just Dues



Sounds Crass, but there may be some Consolation



Where there's still some residual Motivation



To make a Difference, not just make a Fee:



The World Wide Web at last Can make Science
free

